

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14. (canceled)

Claim 13. (previously presented): A method for anonymous identification of profiles of subscribers in a communications system comprising:

defining subscriber-specific profiles via an input unit of a communication appliance and storing the subscriber-specific profiles in at least one of the communication appliance and a module that is coupled to the communication appliance, wherein the subscriber specific profile comprises an ID number;

collecting a profile of another subscriber in the communications system through the module coupled to the communication appliance using wireless, locally restricted network technology, wherein the other subscriber profile comprises an ID number;

comparing the collected profile with the profile defined and stored in one of the communication appliance and module, wherein the profile is one of rejected or signaled to another subscriber based on comparison with a subscriber specific correlation threshold; and

establishing a communication connection between the subscribers via an intermediate provider in the communications system whenever subscriber end activation takes place, wherein the step of establishing a communication connection comprises (1) setting up a communication link between the subscriber and the intermediate provider, (2) signaling the stored ID numbers of the subscriber and the other subscriber to the intermediate provider, (3) setting up a communication link between the other subscriber and the intermediate provider, (4) signaling the stored ID numbers of the other subscriber and the subscriber to the intermediate provider,

wherein the intermediate provider allocates a first neutral telephone number to the subscriber and allocates a second neutral telephone number to the other subscriber, and makes the each neutral telephone number available to the other subscriber, wherein a communication link is set up between the subscribers via the intermediate provider.

Claim 14. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the wireless, locally limited network technology is one of a local area network (LAN) and a personal area network (PAN) utilizing Bluetooth technology.

Claim 15. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein a respective mobile communication appliance, which operates in accordance with a standard, is used as the respective communication appliance, with the standard being selected from a group consisting of GSM, GPRS, EDGE and UMTS.

Claim 16. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein each module of a subscriber is allocated an ID number.

Claim 17. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the input unit comprises a computer.

Claim 18. (canceled):

Claim 19. (currently amended): The method as claimed in ~~claim 18~~claim 13, wherein the neutral telephone numbers are assigned temporarily.

Claim 20. (currently amended): A communication system, comprising:
a plurality of modules communicatively coupled to respective mobile communication appliances assigned to subscribers, each module comprising:

a memory unit for storage of profiles received from other subscribers, wherein each profile comprises an ID number;

a collecting unit that operates using wireless, locally limited network technology, and is configured to collect profiles of subscribers in a communications system;

a correlation unit configured to compare the collected profiles with one another;
a signaling/synchronization unit; and

an intermediate provider, communicatively coupled to the module, wherein the intermediate provider establishes a communication connection to at least two subscribers by (1) setting up a communication link between a first subscriber and the intermediate provider, (2) signaling the stored ID numbers of the first subscriber and a second subscriber to the intermediate provider, (3) setting up a communication link between the second subscriber and the intermediate provider, (4) signaling the stored ID numbers of the second subscriber and the first subscriber to the intermediate provider,

wherein the intermediate provider allocates a first neutral telephone number to the first subscriber and allocates a second neutral telephone number to the second subscriber, and makes ~~the~~ each neutral telephone number available to the ~~other subscriber~~ two subscribers, wherein a communication link is set up between the two subscribers via the intermediate provider.

Claim 21. (previously presented): The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the collecting unit is configured to operate on the basis of at least one of local area network (LAN) and personal area network (PAN) technologies.

Claim 22. (previously presented): The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the memory unit comprises a RAM.

Claim 23. (previously presented): The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the correlation unit comprises a microcomputer.

Claim 24. (previously presented): The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the signaling/synchronization unit comprises a software assisted circuit.